

Amendments to the claims:

Claims 1-157 (cancelled).

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158. (new) A method of providing directory assistance to a caller comprising:
locating a destination telephone number associated with a desired party;
initiating a telephone call between the caller and the desired party;
determining if a ^{sub} predefined condition relating to the status of the telephone call
occurs; and
if the predefined condition occurs, obtaining an identifier of a messaging device
associated with the desired party for contacting the desired party, the identifier being
different from the destination telephone number; and
sending a message by the caller to the messaging device associated with the
desired party based on the identifier.

159. (new) The method of claim 158, wherein the message comprises a voice message.

160. (new) The method of claim 158, wherein the message comprises a text message.

161. (new) The method of claim 160, wherein the text message comprises a custom text message.

162. (new) The method of claim 161, wherein the custom text message is dictated by the caller to a directory assistance provider.

163. (new) The method of claim 158, wherein the message comprises a page.

G 164. (new) The method of claim 158, wherein the predefined condition comprises a non-answering desired party condition.

165. (new) The method of claim 164, wherein the non-answering desired party condition comprises a busy signal.

166. (new) The method of claim 164, wherein the non-answering desired party condition comprises a ring-no-answer condition.

167. (new) The method of claim 164, wherein an option to have the message sent is offered to the caller after an occurrence of the non-answering desired party condition.

168. (new) The method of claim 158, wherein the message is sent to the desired party after an occurrence of the predefined condition when it is determined that the desired party has the messaging device capable of accepting the message.

169. (new) The method of claim 158, wherein the predefined condition comprises call termination.

170. (new) The method of claim 158, wherein the messaging device comprises a pager.

171. (new) The method of claim 158, wherein the messaging device comprises a personal communications service (PCS) device.

172. (new) A method of providing directory assistance services, comprising:
receiving a call from a caller, the call including a request for directory assistance;
in response to the request, locating contact information associated with a desired
party;

G establishing a communication between the caller and the desired party based on
the contact information;

 determining whether the caller has a device capable of receiving a message; and
 sending a message containing at least part of the contact information to the device
when it is determined that the caller has the device capable of receiving a message.

173. (new) The method of claim 172, wherein the call originates from a
telephonic apparatus having a telephone number associated with the caller.

174. (new) The method of claim 173, wherein the device's capability of receiving
a message is identified based on the telephone number.

175. (new) The method of claim 173, wherein the telephonic apparatus comprises
the device.

176. (new) The method of claim 172, wherein the message comprises a text
message.

177. (new) The method of claim 172, wherein the contact information comprises
a telephone number associated with the desired party.

178. (new) The method of claim 172, wherein the contact information comprises
a name of the desired party.

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G 179. (new) The method of claim 172, wherein the communication comprises a telephone call.

180. (new) The method of claim 172, wherein the message comprises a page.

181. (new) The method of claim 172, wherein the device comprises a pager.

182. (new) The method of claim 172, wherein the device comprises a PCS device.

183. (new) The method of claim 172, wherein the device comprises a wireless telephone.
